

with the order of the Administrative Law Judge to deposit the license or document with the Coast Guard.

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#### **§ 5.705 Action on appeal.**

(a) The Commandant may affirm, reverse, alter, or modify the decision of the Administrative Law Judge, or may remand the case for further proceedings. The Decision of the Commandant on Appeal is the final agency action in the absence of a remand.

(b) Failure to file a brief containing grounds and justification for relief sought on appeal of the Administrative Law Judge's decision will result in either:

(1) Termination of the case by written notice to the appellant or appellant's counsel that the decision of the Administrative Law Judge constitutes the final agency action on the merits of the case; or

(2) Consideration of the appeal on the merits of the case and publication of the Commandant's decision without prior notice to the appellant or appellant's counsel. This will only be done when some clear error appears in the record or when the case presents some novel policy consideration.

#### **§ 5.707 Stay of effect of decision and order of Administrative Law Judge on appeal to the Commandant; temporary license, certificate, or document.**

(a) A person who has appealed from a decision suspending outright or revoking a license, certificate or document, except for revocation resulting from an offense enumerated in § 5.59, may file a written request for a temporary license, certificate or document. This request must be submitted to the Administrative Law Judge who presided over the case, or to any Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection for forwarding to the Administrative Law Judge.

(b) Action on the request is taken by the Administrative Law Judge unless the hearing transcript has been forwarded to the Commandant, in which case, the request is forwarded to the Commandant for final action.

(c) A determination as to the request will take into consideration whether the service of the individual is compatible with the requirements for safety at sea and consistent with applicable laws. If one of the offenses enumerated in § 5.61(a) has been found proved, the continued service of the appellant will be presumed not compatible with safety at sea, subject to rebuttal by the appellant. A temporary document or license may be denied for that reason alone.

(d) All temporary documents will provide that they expire not more than six months after issuance or upon service of the Commandant's decision on appeal, whichever occurs first. If a temporary document expires before the Commandant's decision is rendered, it may be renewed, if authorized by the Commandant.

(e) If the request for a temporary document is denied by the Administrative Law Judge, the individual may appeal the denial, in writing, to the Commandant within 30 days after notification of such denial. Any decision by the Commandant to deny is the final agency action.

(f) Copies of the temporary documents issued become a part of the record on appeal.

#### **§ 5.709 Appeal cases remanded for further proceedings.**

(a) When the Commandant renders a decision remanding a case for further proceedings, the remand is directed to the Administrative Law Judge. If a reopening of the former hearing or a new hearing is necessary, the Administrative Law Judge notifies the investigating officer and the respondent and sets a date for the hearing.

(b) If the hearing is reopened, the evidence in the prior hearing shall be evaluated together with the new evidence submitted.

(c) In a new hearing, the evidence in the prior hearing may be used for purposes of impeachment. Evidence in the prior hearing may be stipulated as a part of the record of the new hearing.

(d) The Administrative Law Judge renders either an entirely new decision or a decision incorporating by reference the original decision, as appropriate.